

**Town of Webster
Office of Select Board
945 Battle Street/Rte. 127
Webster, NH 03303**

Select Board Meeting – March 30, 2015

Select Board present: Chairman Bruce Johnson, Selectman Michael Borek and Selectman Roger Becker.

6:31 pm Chairman Johnson read a statement relative to public conduct at Board meetings. Selectman Borek commented as well on the need for good conduct.

The Board signed the following for Administrative Assistant Judith Jones:

- Selectman Borek made a motion to accept the 3/16/15 Select Board minutes as written; seconded by Selectman Becker and approved.
- Approved Current Use Application for Judith Durgin – Map 9-8.
- Chairman Johnson made a motion to change and initial the amount from \$9,150 to \$9,250 for PO #6 to come from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund, an increase of \$100; seconded by Selectman Becker and approved by the Board and Road Agent Emmett Bean. Mr. Bean explained that this increase covered additional shipping costs.
- Building permit application for Joseph and Lisa Hurley – Map 4-68-1.
- A Solar Exemption for Peter and Denise Lawless – Map 2-42.

Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham presented the following to the Board:

- The February bank reconciliation.
- The Board signed the MS 232 – Report of Appropriations Actually Voted. This will be filed electronically to Department of Revenue with the 2015 Town Meeting Minutes when they are complete. She noted that the revenues will be adjusted again in September when the tax rate is set.

Police Chief Robert Dupuis presented or advised the Board of the following:

- 64 calls for service in the past two weeks, with highlights read.
- He will be out starting Wednesday due to his wife's surgery.
- Chief Dupuis talked with Correctional Officer White at the County Jail regarding possible use of inmates for Town projects. Mr. White explained that he was booked through August on a large project, but may be able to do small one day projects that could be done by a different group assigned by the Court to do community work. Chairman Johnson asked if insurance would be an issue. Chief Dupuis indicated that insurance would fall under the Department of Corrections as projects would be supervised by them.
- Chief Dupuis contacted Unitil about an energy audit on the Public Safety Building, but was only able to leave a message.
- He has seen a large number of single car haulers going into and out of Copart, though large haulers have been seen by others.

Road Agent Bean presented or advised the Board of the following:

- He reiterated his request that the Board have Town Counsel send and sign a letter to Copart from Town Counsel relative to compliance regarding the Weight Limit. Discussion ensued. The Board decided to have Mrs. Jones contact the Town Counsel to do this.
- He requested as to which Selectman would be his contact person. The Board decided it will be Selectman Becker.
- He discussed the earlier meeting with Roy Fanjoy and Engineer Erin Darrow regarding road projects and potential grants that Ms. Darrow is willing to write. He questioned whether she was to work with him, as she had indicated was how she usually worked, or work with the Board. He referenced an e-mail from Chairman Johnson to Ms. Darrow. Chairman Johnson contacted her at the recommendation of former Chairman Roy Fanjoy and to educate himself. Mr. Bean advised that Ms. Darrow will make arrangements to be in Town this week to meet with Mr. Bean to work on a plan. Selectman Borek offered to accompany them. Discussion ensued.
- Chairman Johnson thanked Road Agent Emmett Bean on behalf of some residents on New London Drive.
- Later in the meeting Adam Mock recommended that the Board be calmer and allow more input from Mr. Bean for road issues.

Parks Commission Chairman Brenda Silver advised that the gates to the park are closed due to vandalism. Chief Dupuis advised that he needs a price for the repairs. Ms. Silver suggested that the responsible parties do the repairs. Chief Dupuis noted that if the parties agreed, that could happen; otherwise they will be taken to court.

Sonny Hunt, representative for the Canoe and Kayak races, advised that the races will be set up April 17th, practice on the 18th and the races on the 19th and will be conducted the same as in the past. Certificate of Insurance will be sent to the office. There is a chance that the races will not be held due to high water and he will advise the office if that happens.

Planning Board Chairman Sue Rauth advised that the PB has been working on the Site Plan Review for Copart since last fall. One issue has been traffic safety issues. Therefore, at the expense of Copart, the PB has been working with an engineering firm recommended by the Town Attorney on a strategy for finding a preferred route and on what improvements is needed long term to accommodate heavy traffic. This is not an engineering plan to change the roads. The Road Agent expressed concerns over any real improvements. Discussion ensued. PB Chairman Rauth asked the Select Board to sign the contract, which they did with a minor change. Richard Inman inquired as to whether the Town or PB met with Copart to discuss the issues and work with them. Selectman Becker advised that the Board will be meeting with them soon. Barbara Brown expressed concern over safety issues

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being ignored. Jon Pearson commented that Copart cannot control the outside truckers and needs to communicate more with the Road Agent. Chief Dupuis noted that Copart should be punished for not notifying the vendors coming in, which is what he is hearing from those he has stopped. If the truck is entering the posted roads he has turned them around, but the legality of this has been challenged and is checking into the law. Mr. Bean reminded the Board that they sign the annual Junkyard Permit. Sue Roberts expressed concerns over the lack of honoring the rules in place. Carol Bogrett recommended calling DOT for assistance. Chief Dupuis has contacted them and they have been in Town at least one day. Discussion ensued.

Robert Pearson met with the Board to discuss Town Meeting, procedures and his role as Moderator and his relationship with the Board. He raised several concerns: the Supervisors of the Checklist's notice in the Grapevine regarding registration; the meeting with the Board in preparation for Town Meeting and not following through as he expected; the Boards conduct at Town meeting regarding opening the Town Meeting; the presentation of the 2015 Warrant Article 13; and referred back to happenings prior to and at the 2013 Town Meeting. He requested respect for the position of Moderator and requested he be informed of what will be happening at Town Meeting so he may be prepared. Chairman Johnson agreed things were not smooth, apologizing to Mr. Pearson for raising his voice earlier. Tara Gunnigle commented on the Petition Article, as one of the supporters, regarding how it was handled. Jon Pearson expressed concern on the lack of support by the Board of the Petition. Richard Inman had reviewed the 3/2/15 minutes where it said that the Board would bring all the articles to the floor for discussion. Selectman Becker said that action is needed for a resolution to the overall issues; agreed by Selectman Borek. Sue Roberts felt that the lack of trust is at an all-time high and reminded the Board of the liability carried by the Road Agent. Robert Pearson expressed desire to move forward. The decision was for Selectman Becker to provide a time and date that he and Mr. Pearson could meet at the Town Hall; as he is only one Selectman no decisions could be made.

Tara Gunnigle provided a copy of the letter from 7/9/14 signed by then Chairman Mr. Fanjoy. She read a letter she addressed to the Board and respectfully requested that the Board write a letter of retraction of the original letter. The decision was to have Mrs. Jones send copies of both letter and request Attorney Bart Mayer to write this letter for the Board's signature on 4/13/15, with appropriate cc's to be mailed. Discussion ensued.

Adam Mock requested a permanent waiver to the posted weight limit for his residence at 1354 Pleasant Street that would allow him to take empty trucks in and out of his property. This waiver is to be signed by the Board. He and his son Nate Mock are doing business as Webster Transport and Adam Mock Logging. Ms. Roberts though not opposed inquired about this showing favoritism, but was reminded that this was his primary residence, unlike most other haulers. The final decision was for Mrs. Jones to write the permanent waiver to be signed by Chairman Johnson.

Old Business:

- The Board discussed the reviews of and the interview process regarding the applications for the Administrative Assistant's position, including interview questions and some kind of grading system. Mrs. Jones made a spreadsheet for the applicants, noting that two were not complete. She was requested to contact those applicants and advise them that of the need to complete their applications. The Board set the 4/13/15 Select Board Meeting to start at 4:00 pm for Department Heads, 4:30 to 5:00 the Board will discuss the applications and at 5:00 pm on the Board will meet with the Committee. No Old or New Business will be done at this meeting. The Board and the Committee will conduct interviews on 4/20/15 at 4:00 pm. Discussion ensued.
- The Board signed four letters to State Officials regarding the passing of Article 12 at the 2015 Town Meeting.
- Selectman Borek is working on proposed amendments to the "Personnel Policy".

New Business:

- The Board made the following Committee or Board Appointments:
Energy Committee – Chairman Johnson made a motion to appoint Patricia Ilacqua and Ray Scott as Members with no expiration of term; seconded by Selectman Borek and approved. Robert Dupuis, George Cummings and Bruce Johnson have resigned.
Highway Building Committee – Chairman Johnson made a motion to appoint Mike Borek with no expiration of term; seconded by Selectman Becker and approved. Roy Fanjoy will be asked if he wants to continue and it was noted that George Cummings was not a member.
Planning Board – Chairman Johnson made a motion to appoint Lynmarie Lehmann and Jere Buckley as members until 2018 and Richard Cummings as an alternate until 2018; seconded by Selectman Becker and approved.
Zoning Board of Adjustment – Chairman Johnson made a motion to appoint Martin Bender and David Barnes as members until 2018; seconded by Selectman Becker and approved.

A copy of the Efficiency Statement previously signed will be sent to the Board members for review at a later Board meeting.

Mr. Inman advised that references from previous employment, relative to Applications for the AA position, may only offer dates of hire and not much else. He then inquired about when the decision was made to not reappoint the Police Advisory Committee. Mrs. Jones will research this.

9:02 pm Selectman Becker made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Chairman Johnson and approved unanimously.

Bruce G. Johnson
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